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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT OPERATIONS

Re Application of:
Giovanni Abatangelo
Serial No.: 09/445,604
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) Group Art Unit: 1636
) Examiner: Nguyen, Quang
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For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

New York, NY 10036
December 16, 2003

MS FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in connection with the Request for Continued Examination which is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the subject application as follows: